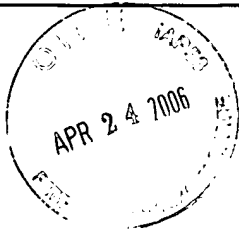


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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136;
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal form SB/30 (in duplicate);
3. Amendment in Conjunction with Request for Continued Examination;
4. Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, executed by Nancy Vosnidou, Ph.D., with attached Appendix A; and
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Authorization to charge the statutory fee of \$790 for filing a Request for Continued Examination, and the statutory fee of \$120 for a one-month extension of time to counsel's deposit account is given in the accompanying Form PTO/SB/30.

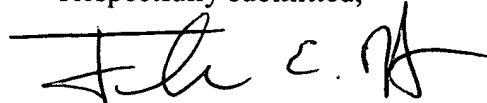
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